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Re:

Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union vs. Louis Mahina Kealoha, et al.,

Civil No. 18-00108-LEK-KJM

Dear Judge Kobayashi:

We represent Defendant Mariner's Cove Association ("Defendant ASSOCIATION") in the above-captioned case. This letter brief is submitted pursuant to Minute Order filed herein on April 2, 2019.

I. BACKGROUND

This is a foreclosure action by Plaintiff Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union ("Plaintiff"), which was filed in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, on February 28, 2018, as Civil No. 18-1-0313-02 (JHC). Defendants LOUIS MAHINA KEALOHA and KATHERINE ELIZABETH KEALOHA ("Defendants KEALOHA") are or were the owners of the property being foreclosed upon, which is situated at 7014 Niumalu Loop, City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 3-9-065-046 ("Subject Property").

This case was removed to this Court by Notice of Removal of Civil Action filed herein on or about March 20, 2018, by Defendant United States of America.

Defendant ASSOCIATION is a planned community association, incorporated as a

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Hawaii non-profit corporation, by virtue of its Articles of Incorporation filed in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, State of Hawaii, on March 25, 2002; and is existing pursuant to the Declaration of Protective Provisions for Mariner's Cove, dated September 23, 1968, and recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances, State of Hawaii, in Liber 6240, at Page 316, as supplemented or amended; pursuant to its By-Laws, as amended or restated; pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statues Chapter 421-J, as amended; and pursuant to its governing documents. The Subject Property lies within Defendant ASSOCIATION.

Defendant ASSOCIATION is named by Plaintiff in its foreclosure action because it may have, either now or in the future, a lien on the Subject Property for delinquent association assessments on the part of Defendants KEALOHA.

Pursuant to Defendant ASSOCIATION's governing documents, and pursuant to HRS Chapter 421-J, as amended, owners are obligated to pay association assessments to Defendant ASSOCIATION.

The Declaration of Protective Provisions for Mariner's Cove provides, at Section 8, as follows: "All Mariner's Cove residential lots shall be subject to equal (per lot) general assessments semi-annually by the Association to provide adequate working funds and reserves for the care, maintenance and operation of the common facilities and its other administrative functions...."

Hawaii Revised Statutes §421J-10.5 provides as follows: "(a) all sums owed by the association, but unpaid for the share of the assessments chargeable to any unit, shall constitute a lien on the unit."

At last check, there are no delinquent association assessments on the part of Defendants KEALOHA as to the Subject Property. Defendant ASSOCIATION filed an Answer to Complaint in this case on April 16, 2018. Defendant ASSOCIATION has not filed an affirmative claim in this case.

II. <u>CURRENT STATUS OF THIS FORECLOSURE CASE</u>

Defendant ASSOCIATION is named as a Defendant by Plaintiff in this foreclosure case in the event it has, or will have, a lien on the Subject Property based on delinquent association assessments as to the Subject Property. At last check, the account is current with the Defendant ASSOCIATION.

Counsel for Plaintiff and Counsel for Defendant ASSOCIATION conferred on May 23, 2018 to discuss discovery and motions. Defendant ASSOCIATION does not presently expect to initiate, or be the recipient of, any discovery. Defendant ASSOCIATION does not presently expect to object to any future discovery by Plaintiff. This foreclosure case is currently stayed by Order filed on October 29, 2018.

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III. THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. LOUIS M. KEALOHA, ET AL. CR18-00068-JMS-RLP

Defendant ASSOCIATION is not a party to <u>United States of America vs. Louis M. Kealoha, et al.</u>, CR 18-00068 JMS-RLP ("CR18-00068"). Accordingly, Defendant ASSOCIATION does not have information as to its current status. Defendant ASSOCIATION understands that a sale of the Subject Property took place as part of CR18-00068. The likely objective of Plaintiff's foreclosure in this case is to effect a sale of the Subject Property at the highest and best price under the circumstances, which may have taken place pursuant to CR18-00068. Defendant ASSOCIATION has no information to provide as to the status of CR18-00068, but the other parties in that case may be able to provide that information.

Very truly yours,

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